

### **REMARKS**

With the amendments presented herein, rejected claims 1-15 have been cancelled leaving only the allowed claims 16-20 pending in the application. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments put the application into condition for allowance, and a favorable action is requested.

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